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SUBJECT: DIM PROSPECTS AS ICELAND-EEC FISHERIES TALKS RESUME

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1. AS SECOND STATE OF ICELAND-EEC FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS  
BEGAN IN BURSSLS DECEMBER 16, CHANCES FOR EARLY RECIP-  
ROCAL CATCH AGREEMENT LOOKED, FROM HERE, EVEN DIMMER THAN  
BEFORE.

2. IN SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY FISHERIES DEBATE EVENING  
OF DECEMBER 15, FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON PROMISED THAT THERE  
WOULD BE NO ACTION ON NEGOTIATING FRONT DURING LENGTHY  
ALTHING CHRISTMAS RECESS (DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 23).  
ASSURANCE CAME IN WAKE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT GOI MIGHT  
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HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED SECRET DEAL WITH COMMUNITY  
(REFTTEL) AND IN RESPONSE TO OPPO-  
SITION DEMANDS THAT GOVERNMENT NOT TRY ANY END RUN  
AROUND PARLIAMENT WHILE LATTER IN RECESS.

3. PROGRESSIVE PARTY ALTHING LEADER AND FOREIGN

RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THORARINN THROARINSSON BROKE ONLY OTHER NEW GROUND IN DEBATE BY ANNOUNCING THAT THERE IS NO SUPPORT IN PP PARLIAMENTARY RANKS FOR ANY KIND OF TEMPORARY FISHING AGREEMENT WITH UK. OPTIMISM ON PART OF EEC COMMISSIONER FINN GUNDELACH OVER POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AGREEMENT IS BASELESS, THORARINSSON WENT ON. THOUGH SUBSTANCE OF REMARKCAME AS NO SURPRISE, THORARINSSON REVEALED ONE MORE STUMBLING BLOCK IN GOI'S OSTENSIBLY OPEN-MINDED APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS.

4. REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF BRUSSELS TALKS, GOI OFFICIALS ARE THUS FAR SAYING NOTHING PUBLICLY. FONMIN AGUSTSSON, ASKED LAST NIGHT FOR ANY NEWS OF FIRST DAY'S SESSION, SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPORT.  
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